

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 11 are amended, claims 2 and 12 are canceled, and claims 1, 3-8 and 11 and 13-18 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for accessing a computer-readable medium device, comprising:
~~a computing device initiating execution of a drive management software system including a computer-readable medium device and a computing device for; a drive initially accessed by the computing device whereby the computing device outputs a request to the drive; from the computer-readable medium device, receiving a description of first and second features of the computer-readable medium device, the first feature being other than an identification of the computer-readable medium device; in response to the drive satisfying the request, means for receiving drive information, the information describing features of the drive; and description, configuring a program for managing access by the computing system to the computer-readable medium device, without relying on the identification of the computer-readable medium device; and~~
~~in response to receiving the information, means for configuring the drive according to the features of the drive, whereby the computing device supports the drive according to the features instructions of the configured program, accessing the computer-readable medium device, wherein the first feature includes at least one of write capabilities and digital audio extraction capabilities of the computer-readable medium.~~
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc.
4. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 3 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc read-write medium.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 3 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc read only memory medium.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc medium.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 6 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc read-write medium.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 6 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc read only medium.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a computer-readable medium device, comprising:
~~providing a computing device for initiating execution of a drive management software system including a computer-readable medium device and a computing device for;~~
~~coupling a drive for accessing the computing device whereby the computing device outputs a request to the drive;~~
~~from the computer-readable medium device, receiving a description of first and second features of the computer-readable medium device, the first feature being other than an identification of the computer-readable medium device;~~
~~receiving drive information in response to the drive satisfying the request, the information describing features of the drive; and~~describing, configuring a program for managing access by the computing system to the computer-readable medium device, without relying on the identification of the computer-readable medium device; and

~~in response to receiving the information, configuring the drive according to features of the drive, whereby the computing device supports the drive according to the features.~~ instructions of the configured program, accessing the computer-readable medium device, wherein the first feature includes at least one of write capabilities and digital audio extraction capabilities of the computer-readable medium.

12. (Canceled).
13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc read-write medium.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13 wherein the computer-readable medium is a compact disc read only memory medium.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc medium.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc read-write medium.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16 wherein the computer-readable medium is a digital video disc read only medium.
19. – 30. (Cancelled).